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## Via Certified U.S. Mail & E-Mail

June 13, 2011

Stacey John Haigney Burlington Coat Factory 263 West 38<sup>th</sup> St. New York, NY 10018 stacyhaigney@coat.com

RE: NOTICE OF VIOLATION to Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corp. (JCT # 4177,

JCT # 4182, JCT # 4184, JCT # 4186, JCT # 4190, JCT # 4206, JCT # 4211, JCT # 4220,

JCT # 4229, JCT # 4236, JCT # 4237, JCT # 4238, JCT # 4239, JCT # 4243, JCT # 4251,

JCT # 4257, JCT # 4262, JCT # 4263)

People v. Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corp. et al.

Alameda County Superior Case No. RG 04-162075

## Dear Sir or Madam:

This is a Notice of Violation to Burlington Coat Factory about jewelry purchased at your stores in Woodland, Inglewood, and Vacaville, California that exceeds the lead standards established in a Consent Judgment to which your company is a party, and that violates California Health and Safety Code section 25214.2(b)(3). This letter constitutes a Notice of Violation pursuant to Section 4.2 of the consent judgment. A copy of the Consent Judgment is available on our web site, at <a href="http://ag.ca.gov/prop65/pdfs/-amendedConsent.pdf">http://ag.ca.gov/prop65/pdfs/-amendedConsent.pdf</a>.

There are 18 different pieces of Charles Klein jewelry which were found to violate the Consent Judgment. A brief description, the SKU, our internal reference number, and the lead content are listed in the table below. Test results and photographs are attached. Please use the internal reference numbers in future communications about this notice.

| Reference # | Description           | SKU                  | <b>Lead Content</b> |
|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| JCT 4177    | Necklace with chains  | 09369359428800039815 | Clasp: 74% lead     |
|             | and grey and black    |                      |                     |
|             | beads                 |                      |                     |
| JCT 4182    | Black plated necklace | 09361390866400039810 | Clasp: 36% lead     |
|             | and earrings          |                      |                     |

| JCT 4184 | Black beaded<br>necklace with green<br>and blue disks and<br>earrings                | 09339398235900039810 | Clasp: 64% lead                |
|----------|--|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| JCT 4186 | Silver cord necklace with purple charms  | 09361386922500079914 | Clasp: 82% lead                |
| JCT 4190 | Gold cord necklace with orange beads and earrings                                    | 09361359440700039812 | Clasp: 79% lead                |
| JCT 4206 | Black beaded<br>necklace with<br>irregularly shaped<br>zebra charms and<br>medallion | 09369403750700079913 | Clasp: 81% lead                |
| JCT 4211 | Wire necklace with white beads   | 09361370253200039816 | Ball at end of chain: 76% lead |
| JCT 4220 | Black and zebra-<br>beaded necklace and<br>earrings                                  | 09361403729600079914 | Clasp: 72% lead                |
| JCT 4229 | Silver cord necklace<br>with clear pink beads<br>and earrings                        | 09361407210000079919 | Clasp: 62%                     |
| JCT 4236 | Yellow and orange<br>beaded necklace with<br>metal pendant and<br>earrings           | 09361367081700039816 | Clasp: 58%                     |
| JCT 4237 | Purple and magenta<br>beaded necklace<br>w/metal pendant<br>&earrings                | 09361367081700039816 | Clasp: 74%                     |
| JCT 4238 | Gold cord necklace<br>with clear brown<br>textured pearls and<br>earrings            | 09361403727500079911 | Clasp: 74%                     |
| JCT 4239 | Silver necklace chain<br>with red, blue, purple<br>beads and earrings                | 09339356691200039815 | Clasp: 64%                     |
| JCT 4243 | Gold necklace chain with inlaid white pearl circular ornaments and earrings          | 09361379455000039817 | Clasp: 61%                     |

| JCT 4251 | Gold necklace chain with inlaid orange circular charms            | 09361379455300059911 | Clasp: 62% |
|----------|---|----------------------|------------|
| JCT 4257 | Silver cord with blue<br>textured and clear<br>beads and earrings | 09361407209400079919 | Clasp: 52% |
| JCT 4262 | Silver chain with turquoise inlaid charms                         | 09361379454700039813 | Clasp: 76% |
| JCT 4263 | Silver cord with large pendant                                    | 09369403728500079914 | Clasp: 88% |

Lead is a toxic metal that damages the nervous system and other organs. As part of your response to this notice under section 4.2.3 of the consent judgment, we request that you provide data about the amount of the different jewelry items offered for sale, sold, and removed from shelves in your stores in California. We also would like to know what your company will do with the jewelry that it will not sell in California, and what measures your company will take to prevent other jewelry with lead from being sold in the future.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: Caroline Cox, Center for Environmental Health Eric Somers, Lexington Law Group Katherine Moore, Senator Pavley's Office

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